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## UNIVERSITY REFUNDS

BY AUSTIN BUCKNER  
Managing Editor

Many students cannot wait for the second week of classes. Some of the stress of the new school year has worn off, rooms and apartments are starting to feel a bit more like home and most important of all, University refunds are ready for distribution.

Terri Christensen, who has worked as bursar since 2004, said hundreds of students still storm the Administration Building to receive their refund checks, but claimed direct deposits have become more common in recent years.

"There was about \$6 million that was refunded," Christensen said. "Of that, about \$3.8 million was in checks and

\$2.2 was direct deposit. We're trying to push the direct deposit to have people get their refunds that way. It's quicker. They get the money faster, and there's less paper processing."

Christensen said 4,530 students received refunds for the fall 2010 trimester. Even with that sizable portion of the student body receiving money, the mystery behind University refunds still has some scratching their heads. 'Where exactly does refund money come from' is one of the most frequently asked questions.

"Most of it's from financial aid," Christensen explained. "It also comes from student loans, grants and over-payments on their tuition. It's to help pay room and board if they live off campus."

Christensen said the majority of refund money comes

from students' own funds, but did explain the University's role in refunds through a number of scholarships.

"There's scholarships - athletic scholarships and foundation scholarships - where some of it does come from the University," Christensen said.

Another refund mystery is the misconception that the University sets limitations regarding how students may spend refunded money. Christensen said the University has no policy noting how students can or cannot spend refunded money.

"Once we give you the money, we have no control over what you do with it, so there are no limitations," Christensen said. "It's like the federal government. There are federal laws that say you what you should spend it on, but we can't control what you spend the money on."

## Disappointed fans seek answers

BY EMILY DEMAREA  
Chief Reporter

With a line of students stretched halfway across the Administration Building, many waited for the Sean Kingston tickets, and for some, this only meant hearing that the tickets were sold out.

"I think that it is pretty unfair for a lot of students," junior Jazmyrn Froe said. "They were penalized for doing what they were supposed to do (attending classes). I think those students should have been accounted for in sales at different times."



Sean Kingston

Any student who purchased a ticket was also allowed to buy multiple tickets for other people. Candice Wolf, Student Activities Council advisor, and other members of the SAC committee have already begun planning in order to avoid this trend in the future.

"To give more people the opportunity to get their free ticket, we're going to do some things next year to allow students to only get that one ticket that belongs to them for a week," Wolf said. "Then that second week, maybe open it up so students can buy tickets for their friends."

Froe was in line at 7:45 a.m. when the tickets went on sale last Wednesday.

"I don't understand why they couldn't have the concert in Bearcat Arena, where more people could attend," Froe said.

Wolf explained that in order to hire an artist like Sean Kingston to perform at the University, the Houston Center would be the best venue for a promising concert.

"If we had the concert in Bearcat Arena, we wouldn't be able to get that kind of quality artist," Wolf said.

Wolf also said that hiring artists such as Sean Kingston and the Ying-Yang Twins would surpass the budget for production fees.

"Right now, production in the Houston Center costs about \$10,000, but if we held the concert in Bearcat Arena, it would be closer to \$20,000," Wolf said.

She also mentioned possible ways that students could attend the concert if they do not already have a ticket.

"Fortunately we set aside about 15 tickets for giveaways and have extra opportunities for students who didn't get a chance to buy a ticket," she said.

Wolf also stated that the organization is planning on holding a scavenger hunt on campus for tickets, giveaways from X-106, along with giveaways on the SAC Facebook fan page.

Sophomore Jake Pena agrees with this strategy to help students who were unable to get a ticket.

"I think it is a good idea, and a lot of people would participate," Pena said. "For a Sean Kingston and Ying-Yang Twins concert, I know I'll try for them."

## New shot combines vaccines

BY EMILY JENKINS  
Missourian Reporter

With every autumn comes the inevitable cold and flu season. Many people fall victim to one of these illnesses at some point, and for the most part, we simply assume it is a fact of life. We sneeze and cough our way through the fall and winter months, then breathe easy when the temperatures begin to rise. But what if we could side step these uncomfortable illnesses altogether?

This is what University Wellness Services hopes to do by offering flu shots to all students and faculty during their annual flu clinic. The clinic gave flu vaccines to over 700 students and faculty last year. With many different strands of flu viruses existing, the clinic previously had to give more than one shot to each person, something they changed this year, according to Wellness Services coordinator Jennifer Edick.

"The shot will include both the Influenza A and H1N1 vaccine this year, making only one injection necessary," Edick said.

The date for the clinic is from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30th. The Clinic is free for all faculty and staff, however students are required to pay a fee of \$20.

The idea of getting a flu shot is an echoed opinion of Kris Frankum, Walgreens pharmacist. He recognizes some people have a misconception about receiving flu shots. Many believe they should wait to get vaccinated to insure they do not get one too early. This is not true according to Frankum, who says it is never too early to get your flu shot.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

**COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST ASHLEY Shisler gets her flu shot from nurse Tracie Price at St. Francis Hospital and Health Center on Tuesday. This year flu shots include both the Influenza A and H1N1 vaccinations.**

"Flu shots can be given at any time. Most people don't realize they are good for a whole year so they tend to wait until later in the fall. It's the same every year, late October comes and we suddenly get very busy," Frankum said.

Flu shots are not the only way to protect oneself. Frankum also suggests other tips to those wishing to remain in good health this fall and winter.

"Flu shots are your best defense, but there are also things like hand washing, avoiding public places and hand sanitizers that can be used as well," he said.

Vaccines can be obtained at Walgreens with a walk-in fee of \$29.99.

With any vaccine, however, chances of side effects exist. The Center for Disease Control reports some of these side effects include a runny nose, muscle aches, fever and vomiting that present themselves shortly after receiving the shot and last one to two days.

Despite the precautions taken, there is always a chance of becoming sick. The Center for Disease Control suggests if you become ill, stay away from others as much as possible to keep from making them sick. If you must leave home, wear a facemask. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Wash your hands often to keep from spreading flu to others.



# Losing degree programs

BY LESLIE NELSON  
Missourian Reporter

After a summit meeting on Aug. 17, Missouri's higher education department is preparing to study and review all public universities' degree programs.

Gov. Jay Nixon called the summit meeting to discuss the lack of funding for higher education programs and four goals he had that might help.

In line with those goals, the higher education board plans to, "increase the number of Missourians with a degree, look at the funding formula, put an emphasis on the purpose, and identify any areas of cooperation among institutions," Kathy Love, spokeswoman for the department, explained. "We are pursuing all four."

Over 4,000 academic programs at colleges and universities all over Missouri are being reviewed after learning that very few students were earning bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degrees. The higher education board's standard of at least ten graduates per year at the baccalaureate level, five graduates at the master's degree level, and three degrees per year at the doctoral degree level is not being met by many public institutions.

After the study is completed, all universities and colleges will be able to use the findings to discuss continuing certain degree programs. The department can approve new programs, but cannot remove any. This decision is up to the universities themselves.

Provost Doug Dunham is already taking steps to review the degree programs here at Northwest.

"I've been working with the data folks who've provided us with majors that have a low number of graduates," Dunham said.

Dunham already has a list of majors believed to have a very few number of graduates per year.

"The first step is to make sure the data is accurate," Dunham said.

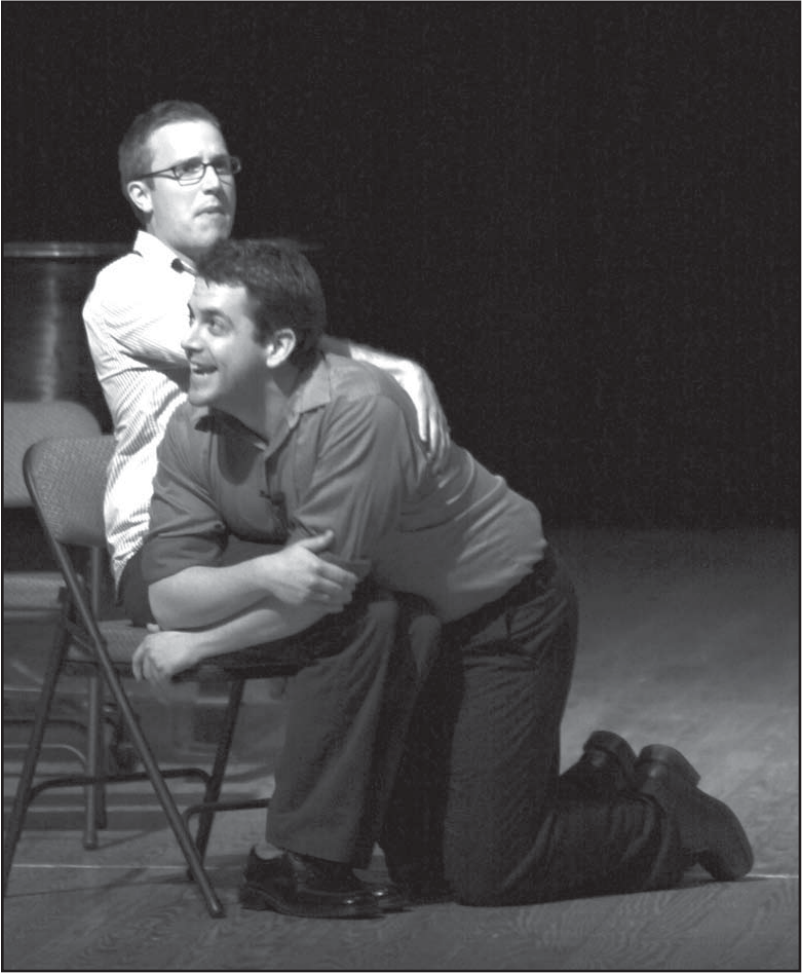
Dunham doesn't want to act without doing thorough research. After the data is reviewed again, Dunham and the department leaders will discuss which majors to keep and which ones to eliminate.

This could cause many students with uncommon majors to panic.

"We will continue to serve the folks in those programs," Dunham promised.

Dunham is unsure of what the outcome of this review will be, but he expects that many programs will be eliminated.

## BABY WANTS CANDY



MEMBERS OF THE improv comedy team, Baby Wants Candy, pre-formed for students Tuesday night at the Charles Johnson Theater. Group members did skits including a completely improvised musical about a sauerkraut factory.

LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

# Sigma Phi Epsilon helps fellow fraternity brother find his way

BY AMANDA CANNON  
Missourian Reporter

Jeremy Poincenot, a 20-year-old student from San Diego State University and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, visited the SigEp house to welcome new members.

Poincenot had 20/20 vision until Christmas of last year when he was officially diagnosed with Lebers Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON), a rare genetic disorder that effects only 100 or so people each year in the United States, most being males 19-25 years of age. The disease, which has no treatment and no cure, left Poincenot with zero central vision and only limited peripheral vision.

"After I lost my sight, I felt there was no

purpose to life. SigEp kept me going," Poincenot said.

Mike Bertkner, chapter president, met Poincenot at the Ruck Leadership Institute last year. The two became good friends. After hearing Poincenot's life changing story, he wanted to bring him to Maryville to talk to the members of SigEp.

"I wanted Jeremy to visit the University to share his life changing story, but I didn't think there would be enough money to pay for his plane ticket," Bertken said.

Luckily, Bertken's flight got postponed and the airlines paid for a free flight. "It was fate," Poincenot jokingly said.

Poincenot battled some depression after being diagnosed, but thanks to all the support

of his family, friends and fraternity brothers at SigEp, he adapted.

One fraternity brother, Mark Prophet, organized a bike ride from Santa Barbara to San Diego to raise money for the USC Doheny Eye Institute, where Poincenot's doctor is working on a cure. Prophet rode a tandem bike with Poincenot behind him and a group of six raised \$3,000.

"I was inspired. He wanted to give up but he didn't because he could go on with the help of his brothers," Ryan Hoover, a freshman from Omaha, said after hearing Poincenot's story. "I saw how him and Mike were close even though they weren't together a lot. You have the opportunity to meet great people being in the organization."

This shows how SigEp is a fraternity united

as one all over across the nation.

Poincenot always enjoyed golfing, yet losing his sight has not stopped him. Poincenot was declared the Blind Golf World Champion after winning the International Blind Golf Association (IBGA) Tournament, held in Whittlebury Park, Northamptonshire (United Kingdom) on Aug. 17.

"After hearing Jeremy you see how much of a family SigEp can be rather than just a group," Jake Butterworth, a freshman from Smithville, Mo. said.

With his fraternity brothers' support, Poincenot shows how there is more to the fraternity than what people first think of.

"Sigma Phi Epsilon is not a typical fraternity, it's more of a family," Poincenot says.

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**BY CASSIE THOMAS**  
Chief Reporter

Some Missouri families have a deeper connection to the state than simply calling it home. Many people came to Missouri and settled for the purpose of farming, and have since passed the farm down within their families. In a program adopted on the Bicentennial Anniversary of the American Revolution, Missouri and other states recognize farms that have been in a family for over 100 years.

In 1976, agriculture was the state's number one industry. Then Governor Kit Bond decided that because of this, agriculture should play a large part in the commemoration of the revolution.

Thus, the Centennial Farm project began. Through this project, families who had farms that had been within the family for 100 years or more were recognized and were awarded certificates. In 1976, a total of 2,850 Missouri farm owners in 105 Missouri counties were recognized for their centennial farms.

"It's important to document the history of farms that are older than 100 years," Andy Emerson, Missouri century farm coordinator, said. "It is a major achievement and people deserve recognition."

As a result of inquiries about how farms could later become recognized, the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the University of Missouri Extension planned to update the

list. In 1986, 1,080 additional farms were recognized.

After the update, families continued to ask how their farm could be recognized. The College and MU Extension then planned to have annual updates. Each year since 1987, 100 or more farms are added, bringing the total number of farms listed to 6,682. This year 222 Missouri Farms were recognized.

Farms today are often recognized at ceremonies that vary from county to county. Nodaway County awards their Century Farms each year at the Farm City Banquet.

“They get a sign that says that they are a century farm, and they also get a certificate,” Pat Spire, with the Nodaway County MU Extension office, said. “They’re usually recognized at the Farm City Banquet,

on the second Monday in November.”

The Farm City Banquet is an annual event hosted by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce. It is a dinner ceremony where members of the community are recognized for receiving various agricultural awards.

At the ceremony, families are honored for their dedication to their family's farm. Families receive a 2 by 2 foot sign to be displayed on their farm to indicate it is a Century Farm.

The most recent recipient of this honor in Nodaway County is Holt Farms, Inc., a family farm owned by the Shelton family. Their farm is located south of Maryville and currently owned by Terry and Beverly Shelton. This farm has been in their family for nearly 155 years.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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TREY DAVIS, VICE President of Governmental Affairs for the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, talks with Maryville Chamber of Commerce members about the “Card Check” bill Tuesday morning at the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Davis explained the changes the ballot card checks for certification in union with organizing efforts and how the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry is trying to stop this proposed bill from becoming law.

## Weekend events preview

**BY TREY WILLIAMS**  
News Editor

Staying in the 'Ville this weekend? Here are a couple things to get you disconnected from the video games, out of your room and involved in the community.

At 9 a.m. Saturday Sept. 25 is the Jennifer Shaw Suhr Memorial 5k Run/Walk for Asthma held at the Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavilion.

According to the Northwest Website, Jennifer Shaw Suhr was a graduate of Northwest and a member of Phi Mu sorority. She died in December of 2000 after a life-long struggle with asthma.

Those interested may register at 8 a.m. either at the day of the event, or before hand just by visiting [www.runforjennifer.com](http://www.runforjennifer.com) or by calling Tim Shaw at (816)-806-9840.

Registration costs \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and children;

proceeds from the event will go to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Last year the event drew in over 200 participants and raised over \$6,600. All of the money was donated to Children's Mercy Hospital and went toward asthma awareness and education.

On Sunday Sept. 26, B.R.U.S.H. is asking for students help to go out and help make Maryville a nicer place to live. This year, they will work along side Maryville Parks and Recreation to beautify the Robertson-Crist Nature Park Trail.

Students will be on campus as well, preparing the Enviromental Services building for a new paint job.


Students interested in volunteering to help need to contact Amy Nally, director of Volunteer, Service Learning and Civic Engagement at the University at (660)-562-1954, or e-mail her at [anally@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:anally@nwmissouri.edu).

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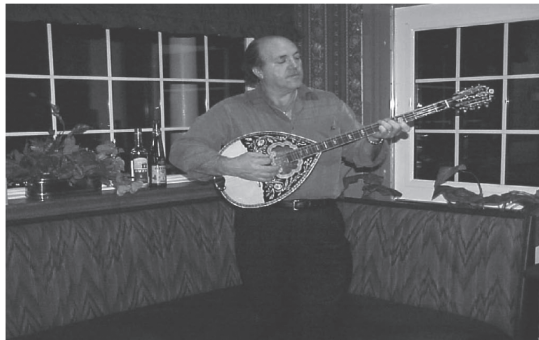
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OUR VIEW

# Refunds: Handle with care

Students who view refund checks as a free bonus or a university-given allowance have a lot of growing up to do. Just like managing your checking account, spending your refund check requires fiscal shrewdness. If you play your cards right, that check could be a real ace in the hole.

For some students, refund checks are unavoidable. Your scholarships surpass tuition balance and fees, making Northwest pay you to attend school here. Enjoy your free money – go get yourself something nice.

Most refunds are the leftover funds after loans and scholarships. This is natural for any university-student relationship. Once loans come into the equation, however, that money being returned is originally your money and should be handled accordingly. Students who blow it recklessly are in for a reality check.

A wise option would be to use refund checks to your advantage. Students purposely apply for more loans than they need, then use the surplus money to repay the loan. For those with housing down payments

in their future, this is a great way to establish a good credit rating.

For this reason, the bursar's office is wise to push direct deposits. Without the lag associated with picking up and cashing a check, recordkeeping is significantly smoother. For students, a figure in your account summary may be less tempting than cold, hard cash.

In any situation, remember that the money you get back could come from loans, which require hefty interest fees. If you must receive a refund check, be smart about it. You could use it to come out ahead.



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## Students taking Adderall have a grim future

Skyrocketing rates of Adderall use show just how low our generation is willing to go to get ahead. Statistical evidence shows the overwhelming bias of Adderall abuse is among college students, making the little speed tablets the drug of choice of our generation. If you are considering using it to maximize cramming efficiency for the next big test, heed this warning and stay away. If you are a user, get out while you can – before it's too late.

The prescription drug Adderall consists of two chemicals, dextroamphetamine and amphetamine. They both classify under psychostimulant and both have hallucinogenic effects. Consequently, Adderall has earned itself the title as the highest dependency-risk drug approved by the FDA, according to the Controlled Substance Act in 2010.

Still think your little pills are harmless? A Columbia University study found that teens who illegally used prescription drugs such as Adderall were 12 times likelier to use heroin, 14 times likelier to use ecstasy and 21 times likelier to use cocaine.

Adderall users join the ranks of a rough crowd, unless you were less-than-upstanding citizens to begin with. Ninety percent of students who abused Adderall in 2009 were binge alcohol drinkers in the last month, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Regardless of what mess you get into after your Adderall tolerance leads you to meth, the side effects you face today could be enough of a deterrence. They may include slowing of growth, seizures, mood swings, elevated blood pressure or insomnia.

Consider a future with cocaine and heart failure, and then decide if you really need that dose of speed to keep you focused during studies. If you are foolish enough to pop them anyway, keep in mind that your addiction chances are soaring. When you get that first job after you graduate, the first thing your employer will ask you to do is take a drug test. How do you think your productivity will be during withdrawal pains?

Bearcats, I urge you to have the integrity to handle your responsibilities without the aid of an external chemical. Don't have the self-efficacy to think you can get away with something that won't haunt you later. Don't be part of the statistic.



Philip Gruenwald  
Opinion Editor

### CAMPUS TALK

#### How did you or do you plan to spend your Fall 2010 refund money?



"I put it in my bank account and I spent it on ridiculous things. To be completely honest, I spent it on iTunes."

**Elise Jones**  
IDM Computer Science



"If I had it my way, it would be on a new bass or an amp for it, but it's probably going to my house, for rent or food."

**Marshall Carlson**  
Psychology



"It's all going to bills. I also just joined a sorority, so it's going to sorority dues. I'm paying it all by myself."

**Kelsey Fusselman**  
Marketing/Management



"I bought new shoes, and the rest of it is going to pay my dad back for fixing my car. I wrecked it into a tree last January."

**Bryce Davis**  
Public Relations



"Haven't spent it yet, but I actually opened a bank account with U.S. Bank. I'm putting my money in the account."

**Barbra Cota**  
Graphic Design

## Spare the hype, give us real news

While it would be very unlikely for me to recommend the Daily Show with Jon Stewart as a reliable news source, Stewart's recent announcement for an Oct. 30 rally to convince Americans to "take it down a notch" is brilliant.

A "Rally to Restore to Sanity" is just what this country needs. With 24-hour news networks competing in the ratings systems, "news stories" become command centers for skewed public opinion polls and political commentary on everything save politics.

The fact that so many Americans still believe President Barack Obama is a radical Muslim and the health care reform is a cover for elderly death



Destinee Biesemeyer  
Contributing Columnist

panels is the media's fault. They have strayed so far from the facts, it is no wonder governmental distrust is at an all-time high.

So why does this matter to us? Washington D.C. is over 1,000 miles away, and even Jefferson City, Des Moines, and Lincoln are at considerable distances. Well, out in Middle America where local news is mainly covered by newspapers and radio stations, we are at the mercy of the internet and big time network broadcasts for anything outside of this isolated corner of Missouri.

Local business owners are afraid of "ObamaCare" because they think the cost burden will be so great it will force them out of business, even though a quick look at the numbers shows money saved. And what about the superintendent of an area school, panicked over the significant budget and program costs this year?

The president and governor she has placed the blame on did not cause the problem, but the stimulus money they appropriated this year has actually saved our state-funded education system from turmoil.

But this is not what the media tells us. Instead, it plays on our unfounded fear and forcing us to overreact over non-relevant issues, prohibiting us from making an informed decision, because that is the sort of news we are interested in. We need to hold our representatives accountable for the logistics of the legislation they are voting on, instead of unrelated rumors and entertainment-styled rubbish.

As Stewart puts it, "I disagree with you, but I'm pretty sure you're not Hitler." It is time to return the news to news, allow legitimate debates over issues and get over our biases.

### WHAT THE DEUCE

## Our Constitutional rights are timeless



MCT CAMPUS

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, appearing before University of California, Hastings law students, mentioned his thoughts on constitutional rights. According to Scalia, the 14th Amendment does not apply to sexual orientation or even gender.

"If the current society wants to outlaw discrimination by sex, you have legislatures," Scalia said.

The text Scalia referred to is taken from the Equal Opportunities Clause, which reads: "...nor deny to any person within (the state's) jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." The clause mandates judicial equality for all citizens and was vital in post-slavery rights. Most recently, it found itself defending gay rights from state authority, which Scalia says is unconstitutional.

This coincides with the history department's discussion on Constitution myths and misnomers Sept. 16, the eve of Constitution Day. For example, the Constitution neither bans nor allows same-sex marriage.

The Constitution is very much a living entity. If today's standards call for modern application of the Equal Opportunities Clause, it is within the court system's power to rule for or against it. It seems Scalia has made his choice.

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# To write LOVE on her arms

KEVIN BIRDSSELL | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER



BY DAKOTA JONES  
Missourian Reporter

A good song brings people together. Messages within lyrics can inspire individuals to accomplish amazing things. For junior Brett Mayekawa, it was not a song or a chorus that interested him, it was a t-shirt worn by a band member that intrigued this Northwest student to learn more.

During Mayekawa's research, he began to find more information about a non-profit organization that brings suicide prevention and awareness to young adults. Additionally, this organization has done extensive work in finding help for those who are struggling with addiction, depression and self-injury. To Write Love On Her Arms became an issue that Mayekawa found no relativity to but wanted to know more about.

"I was never directly affected by depression or suicide so it was hard to pull motivation for the cause, to find a face for the cause," Mayekawa said. "It was like I woke up one day and felt extremely passionate about the issue."

In January, Mayekawa attended a conference and met three individuals that had personally dealt with these life-altering issues.

"After I became close to them and listened to their life stories, I knew what I was fighting for. I would do it for them," Mayekawa said.

The three-day conference initiated a year-long mission of bringing TWLOHA to Northwest. After a sizable amount of paperwork, the group began looking for an advisor. The Wellness Center's Project Hope, also a suicide prevention campaign, offered to help. Project Hope's graduate student, Jesse Weis, agreed to advise TWLOHA. This opened doors for Northwest to learn more and to get further involved.

After weeks of planning and preparing, Mayekawa was ready for the last step to bring attention from the Northwest community to his cause. Mayekawa went before Student Senate with a presentation stating the value of TWLOHA. He felt confident in answering any clarification questions asked by the members. He won the majority vote and was ready to gain members and awareness.

"Brett's passion impressed me. It was infectious," sophomore Kaitlin Hartman said. "The group is a mish-mash of people. There are no labels or stereotypes."

It is because of the passion in those involved that TWLOHA's national group has been growing rapidly across the country. Chase Bank donated \$1 million to the cause after its Facebook group won a friends' vote contest. Since then, the organization has been working on a live online chat counseling program. This a huge development considering most young adults are spending more and more time on the Internet and feel more comfortable disclosing information about their problems through a computer than on a phone. A year after developing the idea, this program is due to be released soon.

The Northwest chapter is also growing. Last Tuesday, its membership was up to 43 students with an increasing interest from those not yet involved. This is almost double the turn out from the first meeting only two weeks ago. The group meets every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Student Union living room. The meetings are laid back. Group discussions will be treated as conversation between friends. Everyone is free to express feelings and ideas openly. Members and executives want to build the meetings into a family or community of trust and comfort.

The organization's goal is to eliminate the negative stigma surrounding counseling projects and to get students involved in something in which they can meet people while helping others struggling with issues they cannot conquer by themselves.

"We want people to realize that behaviors like cutting and self-hurt aren't necessary because there are people that care about them and want to help," Hartman said.

Once a month, they will do a club activity with all the members involved to help members open up and get to know one another. Executives of TWLOHA encourage anyone who is curious to stop by a meeting to learn more.

One of these activities will include attending the event surrounding TWLOHA founder Jamie Tworkowski's visit to campus on Nov. 3. He will explain how the organization got its start, what people can do to get involved outside of the Northwest chapter and how people can help others suffering with depression and thoughts of suicide. He will bring a musical group, yet to be decided, to accompany him in spreading his message. All students are invited and encouraged to attend.







SENIOR RUNNING BACK Gavin Talmadge fights to break through a Lafayette tackle. Talmadge led all rushers with 121 yards and two touchdowns.

# Golden Eagles next in line

BY TONY BOTTIS  
Sports Editor

In head coach Chris Holt's words, he always expects his teams to be better in week five than they were in week one, which is exactly what they face in Bishop LeBlond tomorrow night: a much improved team over the past month.

"As far as they go, I just think they're much improved," Holt said. "We have every single game (on tape) they have played this year. They are noticeably better in week four than they were in week one. I think their coaches should be commended for keeping their kids focused and wanting to get better. They moved the ball against (Chillicothe) last week, all four quarters, and that was at Chillicothe. That's hard to do."

While Maryville enters the game riding a three-game winning streak, the Golden Eagles enter a dismal 0-4.

The 'Hounds faced little adversity last week against a Smithville team that entered the game 3-0.

"Basically (our kids felt) they had beaten Lafayette, again," Holt said. "We thought we could control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and we did that. I don't think Lafayette has beaten Maryville but once in 20 seasons. Our kids didn't see it that they were going down to play some superstar, rockstar program, which is what a lot of the media made them up to be."

With the 35-6 victory in hand, Holt did point out that it was not a perfect game by any means.

"Even though we won last week, we watched a lot of film of the kids and we're still making a lot of mistakes," Holt said. "Down the road, one of these days we're going to run into a team that is going to take advantage of that and we're going to be in trouble."

Kick off is set for 7 p.m. at Bishop LeBlond.

# Conn, offense unable to break skid

BY KYLE HENDRICKS  
Missourian Reporter

After a hot start to the season, the Maryville Spoofhound softball team has lost three in a row after losing to the Jefferson Eagles 3-0 on Monday afternoon.

Sophomore pitcher Mikaila Wallace threw six innings, giving up three runs (one earned) on five hits, while striking out five and walking three.

The 'Hounds had four errors in the game. Head coach Jacqui Conn believes the team needs to get back to the basics.

"We just need to do the basic things we know how to do," Conn said. "We just had little errors that we don't usually have and then one happened, and then another happened, I mean just one lead to another."

During the losing streak the 'Hounds have had trouble generating offense, often stranding runners on base or not getting the first runner on until there is already two outs.

"We pretty much just had one hit per inning," Conn said. "We're not putting them together and not taking the bats off of our shoulders enough, especially on two strikes. We just have to keep fighting."

The loss dropped the 'Hounds to 10-3 on the season and 4-3 in the MEC.

Monday's loss was especially tough on the seniors because it was Senior Night for the 'Hounds.

Senior Night came a little early this year according to Conn because it was rained out last year and the school did not want that to happen again.

Senior shortstop Taylor Gadbois said she has loved her last four years on the team.

"I really like the girls," Gadbois said. "I love playing with them and I even cried today because I'll never get to play with them again. I hope they can continue the tradition."

With more games to play though, Gadbois knows the team needs to improve before the seniors leave.

"We need to stop having the little errors," Gadbois said. "We had a lot of third-strike looking calls, we need to swing at anything close. It just seems like bad things come in threes."

The grinding schedule has cost the 'Hounds valuable practice time and Gadbois believes that has contributed to the recent struggles offensively.

"We've faced a lot of good pitchers," Gadbois said. "But I also think because we haven't had a lot of practices because we've had so many games. We just need to relax and play like we normally have."

The winning pitcher for the Eagles was junior Kendle Schieber. Schieber threw a complete game shutout, allowing just four hits, while striking out 11 and walking two.

Schieber was also the leading hitter for the Eagles, going 2-3, driving in one run and scoring another.

No Spoofhound had more than one hit and senior third baseman Mataya Wooten provided the only extra base hit with a triple in the bottom of the first.



SOPHOMORE PITCHER MIKAILA Wallace prepares to fire the ball towards the plate in a game against Jefferson, Tuesday. The 'Hounds were shutout 3-0.

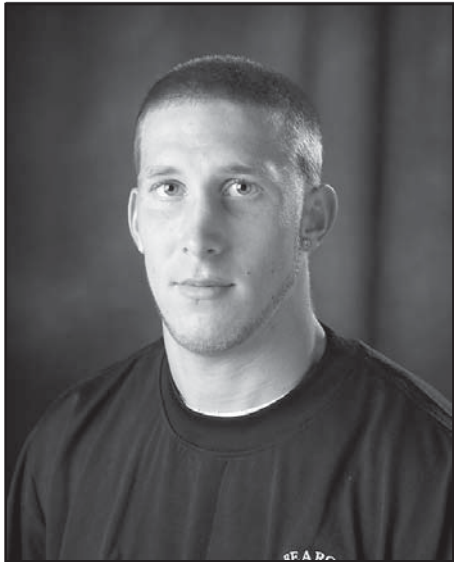
# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## BEARCATS

Blake Bolles

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Senior quarterback Blake Bolles was named MIAA Offensive Player of the Week after passing for 421 yards and two touchdowns while adding a rushing TD.

Emilee Davison



Freshman Emilee Davison's first collegiate goal lifted the Bearcats over Emporia State. The victory gave the soccer team their first win of the season.



Senior running back Gavin Talmadge rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns against Lafayette last Friday, during the 'Hounds 35-6 victory.



Senior Shannon McClellan claimed the medalist spot with a match low 42. She topped golfers from both Lafayette and (St. Joseph) Central.

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# Davison nets winner

BY BRYCE MERENESS  
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest women's soccer team needed a rebound after a 3-0 defeat at the hands of No. 16 Central Missouri.

The Jennies consistently challenged freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Adams, peppering her with 23 shots, 12 on goal. This opened the door for Central's offense, giving the Jennies 11 corner kicks.

According to head coach Tracy Hoza, the first problem the 'Cats must rectify is giving up possession of the ball.

"The more we keep possession, the less that they can shoot, the less they can get corner kicks," Hoza said. "It's a whole lot of us holding onto the ball, to deny them of those opportunities."

Central junior midfielder Alyssa Rhodes tallied two goals in the win, first sneaking a shot under the crossbar in the 27th minute, then following it up with a header to the top corner of the net in the 52nd minute.

Central's final tally came in the 73rd minute, when senior midfielder Lexie Bristow slid a shot past a diving Adams.

With only four seniors on this year's squad, a lot of focus has gone to teaching a new system to young players.

"It's just a matter of practicing that a little more. In the limited time that we have had, we have just been working on the pressure and on the defense," Hoza said. "When you have a lot of new players, you have to get the defense down first, the attack will come."

Hoza knows the importance of the practice pitch.

"We will be fine, we need to get their spirits up and their possession up," Hoza said. "That will be done in practice."

The 'Cats put their new possession skills to the test when they traveled to Emporia on Sunday. Northwest earned its first victory of the season by pitching a shutout and defeating the Hornets 1-0.

The only tally of the game came on one of Northwest's six corner kicks, when freshman midfielder Emilee Davison tucked a goal past keeper Katrina Goscha off of junior midfielder Kelly Obley's corner kick.

Northwest hosts Washburn at 4 p.m. today at Bearcat Pitch.

## STRUGGLES WITH RANKED OPPONENTS CONTINUE



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

**FRESHMAN MIDDLE HITTER** Whitney Mason and senior defensive specialist Amber Ryan block an incoming spike from an Emporia player. The 'Cats lost in straight sets Saturday.

# Clements selected as interim athletics director

BY JASON LAWRENCE  
Missourian Reporter

Eight years ago, Bob Boerigter took a chance and brought in Mark Clements to serve as Assistant Athletics Director for Internal Operations. Who knew down the road that Clements would occupy Boerigter's chair.

"I never even thought about it," Clements said. "I've enjoyed my time here so much, so many good people. Sometimes you never think the day will come. Did I ever think about it? Yes. Did I ever think it would happen like this? No."

On Monday, President John Jasinski

named Clements the interim as Boerigter left to begin his duties as the MIAA Commisioner.

"It's still a little numb," Clements said. "After the couple of weeks of not knowing what would happen and getting a little busy, I'm just a little bit numb trying to stay on top of things. I'm excited and looking forward to the challenges. We'll see what happens from here."

Clements came to Northwest in January 2003 from Dana College in Blair, Neb. where he served as athletics director.

He will also still have interactions with his mentor, Boerigter, for things related to the school and conference.

"On a professional level, you work with all of the schools," Boerigter said. "First of all, you work with all of the presidents, so I'll meet with them annually. The faculty athletics representative and senior women's administrator are together two or three times a year for meetings. Then you interact with all the coaches at least once a year in a meeting, so you keep all of those professional relationships. But, you become friends with people over the years, too. I hope friendships will remain."

The academic-athletic connection will also be a big focus of Jasinski's in the search for a new Athletic Director in the upcoming months.

"That's critical," Jasinski said. "Compliance and really a vision in strategic plots for athletics. It's a critical time in not just the University's history, but certainly athletics. Providing that vision in strategic plots for athletics moving forward will be key."

The athletics department is just looking to stay the course and keep a level of consistency with everything while the search is underway.

"From an expectations standpoint, we just need to maintain some continuity," Clements said. "We don't want any fall off. Is there some things we could do a little differently or better? That's part of the process- you're always looking to do things a little better."

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# LEAP OF FAITH



SENIOR TIGHT END Josh Baker hurdles a UNO tackler en route to his second touchdown of the night. He finished with three touchdowns, including an 8-yard run, a 42-yard pass and this 50-yard rumble following a direct snap on fourth down.

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## Transfer tight end makes most of second chance

BY TONY BOTTIS  
Sports Editor

When he walked onto the field against Texas A&M-Kingsville, fans wondered who was this unfamiliar figure with arms wrapped in tattoos and face concealed by a visor. His teammates call him an animal, a freak, a game changer.

When he walked off the field at Nebraska-Omaha, the Mavericks wondered what just hit them.

Senior tight end Josh Baker will be the first to admit his stop at Northwest is only a detour compared to his longterm goals and aspirations. It is where his past travels have taken him that has led Baker to his time now in the green and white.

Baker spent his first four years as a Delaware Blue Hen, playing a long side of a future first-round NFL draft pick, Joe Flacco. However, Baker ran into off-the-field issues and was forced to sit out the entire 2008 season. Without the ability to train in the company of his teammates, Baker left the east coast for the borders of Texas to live with his father, while also working to support himself and continue his schooling.

"I was just being young," Baker said. "At Delaware we had a three-strike system, which ironically the year I suffered the suspension they abolished that, but that's just my luck."

His suspension resulted from a disorder-

ly conduct and failure to disperse citation on a bus trip with his fellow fraternity brothers and Greek peers in Philadelphia.

Coaches and teammates characterize Baker as an unrelenting hitter on the field and according to Offensive Coordinator Adam Dorrel, down right mean.

"I had trouble distinguishing when to be mean and when not to be off the field and on the field," Baker said. "Now I take the approach to be a good person off the field and when I hit the field and strap on the helmet it's war. I just kind of flip on the switch."

Once he was cleared to return to Delaware and rejoin the team, he faced another roadblock: a season ending torn anterior cruciate ligament. An appeal ensued in hopes of being granted a sixth-year of eligibility, but to no avail. Enter the defending Division II National Champions Northwest.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma was tipped off of Baker's intentions to transfer by a friend of his, Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler.

It did not take long for Tjeerdsma and other members of the 'Cats coaching staff to be left wanting Baker's services. Baker came highly regarded from Keeler and his high light tape only made his abilities stand out more. The defending champs were not exclusive members of that club as playoff foe Cal-Penn. also hoped to claim the sweepstakes for Baker.

"(Athletes with Baker's skill set) are very rare," Dorrel said. "In my opinion, the gen-

eral public doesn't understand the skill set to play tight end in a multiple offense (system). I don't care what level it is, professional football, I-A, I-AA, Division II, Division III, NAIA, high school football-if you find a good tight end that can run, catch and block, god dang, those are hard to find."

Baker is wasting little time making the leap from the Blue Hen's system, to the 'Cats and offensive coordinator Adam Dorrel's offensive scheme.

"Where he's at right now mentally, has way exceeded my expectations," Dorrel said. "I just didn't think we could get him up to speed this quick"

In his recent outing against the Mavericks, Baker touched the ball four times which resulted in three touchdowns; an eight-yard touchdown run out of the wildcat package, a 50-yard touchdown sprint following a direct snap on a fake punt and his final strike, a 42-yard touchdown run after the catch.

It is safe to say after his coming-out party in UNO, that this will not be the last offensive explosion from Baker.

"When you get a kid like that you worry about does the kid think he's too good to be here," Dorrel said. "Just being honest, I've dealt with transfers and he's never acted like that. That's the thing that I appreciated about him; he's always come in here willing to learn new things. He hasn't said 'well, I've done this and this and I've been this.' ...I deep down believe he's here to win a championship."

## Chillicothe downed in two matches

BY JASON LAWRENCE  
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofoound volleyball team made quick work of Chillicothe on Tuesday night at home. Maryville beat the Lady Hornets in straight 25-21 sets.

"I feel like we came out strong. We kind of let up a little in the middle," head coach Lori Klaus said. "I told them, 'I wish they wouldn't do that,' but we did come back and finish it, so I thought they finished strong."

The 'Hounds jumped on top early in game one and never let go of the lead. Maryville led 14-7, forcing Chillicothe to call a timeout. They kept rolling and got up by as many as 11 points at 20-9.

"We watched the freshman and JV games and they seemed really slow," Klaus said. "And we've been starting out our games slow, and we said 'we're going to stop that.' We're going to come out strong and I think we did a good job."

Chillicothe used its second timeout and got the next couple of points off of a pair of kills and a missed serve by the Spoofoounds.

"It was nice to come out strong and have a little cushion there," Klaus said. "I still wish we wouldn't rollercoaster down and give up five or six in a row, which was a little tough to handle. They came back and I guess a win is a win."

Maryville let the Hornets cut it to three before putting the game away, 25-21, on a serve in the net by Chillicothe.

The Lady 'Hounds were slow out of the gate in the second game, finally getting a lead at 7-6. Chillicothe kept it close and took a two-point lead, 11-9, on three straight aces from senior Konner Ferguson.

Maryville played itself out of trouble and went up by six, 22-16, but had a collapse similar to game one, letting the Hornets back into the game.

"A lot of times when I call a timeout, they feel like they're playing bad," Klaus said. "So if I feel like they're going to come out of it and don't want to call a timeout, I tell myself one more and I'll call a timeout and they usually get that point. They did a good job coming together as a team and doing it themselves."

Chillicothe gave Maryville the game point by hitting one just out on the left side.

The 'Hounds are back on the court at 5 p.m. Thursday night for a conference matchup in Cameron with the Dragons. The freshmen play first with junior varsity and varsity to follow.

"We haven't played them this year, but we watched them play in a tournament," Klaus said. "They have an incredible outside hitter and a couple other strong players. We're going to come in and work hard in practice and hope we can take them on Thursday."

## Offense finds stride at UNO

BY TONY BOTTIS  
Sports Editor

It was back to business last Saturday as Northwest opened conference play against Nebraska-Omaha with their 38th straight MIAA win, three short of tying the conference record.

The two weeks of preparation prior to the Bearcats 58-23 thumping of the Mavericks appeared to be just what head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and the 'Cats needed to restore the team back to the form that made last year a success.

"I think the biggest challenge for a team is how do we respond to success," Tjeerdsma said. "We responded

pretty well to a loss and wanted to get that bitter taste out of our mouth, but now we've had a lot of success this last weekend....Do we go out now and take it for granted or are we going to go out and practice well and try to get better each day?"

The attention now turns to 2-1 Truman State and the annual Hickory Stick game. The 'Cats have taken the last eight games in the series and have won seven straight games in Kirksville, Mo.

"Every year is a new year," Tjeerdsma said. "There's a streak going, but that gives them more motivation to get that thing turned around, too."

Senior quarterback Blake Bolles and the 'Cats offense will be up against a Bulldog defense that is surrendering over 395 yards per game, with opposing passing attacks compiling almost 290 yards a game through the air alone.

The defense will be facing a rushing attack averaging 185 yards per game, immediately following UNO's James Franklin, who eclipsed the 100-yard mark against the 'Cats.

Franklin was the first 100-yard rusher since Abilene Christian's Bernard Scott did it in the playoffs in 2008.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Truman State.



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SENIOR DEFENSIVE END Roberto Davis strips UNO quarterback John Teigland. The strip resulted in a UNO safety. The Bearcats went on to win 58-23. They face Truman State on Saturday in Kirksville, Mo.